

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 130

Introduced by Assembly Member Havice

January 14, 2002

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 130—Relative to Gold Star Mothers Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 130, as introduced, Havice. Gold Star Mothers Week.

This measure would designate the week of May 27 to June 2, 2002, inclusive, as Gold Star Mothers Week, and urge Californians to pay heed to the heroic sacrifices of our fallen men and women and be aware of the sacrifices made by them.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, To bear a gold star is to display the loss of one's
2 child to war, as a recognition of the grand sacrifices of our fighting
3 men and women; and

4 WHEREAS, To facilitate this acknowledgement there was
5 founded, in the District of Columbia, an organization called the
6 American Gold Star Mothers, originally incorporated on January
7 5, 1929, and comprised of mothers who had lost a son or daughter
8 in World War I; and

9 WHEREAS, Eligibility for membership was expanded to
10 include mothers who lost a son or daughter in World War II, the
11 Korean War, the Vietnam War, or the Persian Gulf War; and

12 WHEREAS, Countless thousands have displayed the gold star
13 and did acknowledge that their child had helped to secure the
14 blessings of liberty for this and all future generations; and

1 WHEREAS, In the windows of America can still be seen a
2 shimmering gold star, each representing a child lost but never
3 forgotten. This candlelit display of a gold star accompanies the loss
4 of ones so cherished and so generous as were our fallen heroes; and

5 WHEREAS, The purposes of the American Gold Star Mothers
6 is to keep alive and develop the spirit that promotes world service
7 and maintain the ties of fellowship born of that service and to assist
8 and further all patriotic work; and

9 WHEREAS, It is essential that we inculcate a sense of
10 individual obligation to the community, state, and nation to assist
11 veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the
12 Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, and other strategic areas, and
13 their dependents, in the presentation of claims to the United States
14 Veterans' Administration, aid in any way the men and women who
15 served and died or were wounded or incapacitated during
16 hostilities, and perpetuate the memory of those whose lives were
17 sacrificed in our wars; and

18 WHEREAS, It is no less important that we maintain true
19 allegiance to the United States of America, inculcate lessons of
20 patriotism and love of country in the communities in which we
21 live, inspire respect for the stars and stripes in the youth of
22 America, extend needful assistance to all American Gold Star
23 Mothers and, whenever possible, their descendents, and promote
24 peace and good will for the United States and all other nations; and

25 WHEREAS, Members of the American Gold Star Mothers
26 spend countless hours contributing both time and resources to
27 provide volunteer services for veterans and their family members;
28 now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the week of
31 May 27 to June 2, 2002, inclusive, as Gold Star Mothers Week; and
32 be it further

33 *Resolved*, That Californians are urged to pay heed to the heroic
34 sacrifices of our fallen men and women and be aware of the
35 sacrifices made by their loving parents.